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SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL IN THE UN TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS HAS PASSED VIRTUALLY UNNOTICED IN GREECE. MOST OF THE VIEW REFERENCES TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL WHICH APPEARED IN THE GREEK PRESS WERE BURIED DEEP IN WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM NEW YORK SUMMARIZING GENERAL UNGA ACTIVITIES LAST WEEK. SURPRISINGLY IN A COUNTRY WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF SEVEN YEARS OF POLITICAL REPRESSION SO RECENTLY BEHIND IT, GREEK POLITICAL LEADERS AND OPINION MOLDERS HAVE NOT SEIZED UPON THE TOPIC, NOR HAVE THE MEDIA DEMONSTRATED MUCH INTEREST IN THE PROPOSAL.

2. IN FACT, THE ONLY NOTICEABLE ARTICLE IN THE PRESS OCCURRED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE TURKISH ISSUE. CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI, COMMENTING ON THE PUBLIC STATEMENT OF TURKISH OPPOSITION LEADER BULENT ECEVIT WHICH ENDORSED THE US PROPOSAL (ANKARA 8495), LAMBASTED THE TURKISH POLITICIAN FOR BEING A HYPOCRITE. THE NEWSPAPER CHARACTERIZED ECEVIT AS BEING THE "SLAUGHTERER OF CYPRUS" AND AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THOUSANDS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS LANGUISHING IN THE JAILS OF ANATOLIA.

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